



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Arizona Department of Public Safety arrests Mesa woman at airport for criminal speeding violation on the Loop 101

The 21-year-old chose Australia vacation over cooperating with authorities

On May 28, 2008, at 1:51 a.m., stationary photo enforcement cameras on the Loop 101 in Scottsdale recorded 21-year-old Britnee Bristow of Mesa driving a 2001 Lexus at 103 miles per hour. The posted speed limit in the area is 65 mph.

Ms. Bristow, who was aware she was wanted for criminal speeding, was not cooperative with DPS's multiple requests that she turn herself in to face the charges against her. In fact, she told DPS Officers she was "going to Australia and this was not going to ruin her dream." Yesterday morning at 10:30 a.m., Bristow was arrested by a DPS Officer inside of Terminal Three at Sky Harbor International Airport moments after de-boarding a flight that was returning to the Valley from Australia.

She was booked at the Scottsdale City Jail on charges of Criminal Speed and Reckless Driving.

"All Ms. Bristow had to do was cooperate so she could face the charges against her. Instead she chose to stall and make it very difficult for us to work with her because the charges she faces conflicted with her planned vacation. When we finally asked her to turn herself in as soon as she returned from her vacation, she was still uncooperative and couldn't commit to doing so over her concern that she would have 'jet lag'. Further, she demonstrated no regard for the safety of others with her reckless, criminal speeding which was captured by our stationary photo enforcement cameras. She knew what she did but refused to take responsibility for her actions. The law is very clear when it comes to criminal speeding and reckless driving," said Jeffrey Jacobs of the Arizona Department of Public Safety's Photo Enforcement Unit.

**** Video footage of yesterday morning's arrest at Sky Harbor Airport are available from DPS upon request. Photos are accessible through the link provided. ****

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